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Census figures may bring some surprises to Letcher County

(By Larry Caudill)

Letcher County is in for a surprise at the drastic extent of its loss of population in a decade, if preliminary checks and informed estimates are borne out in the official figures compiled for the recent national 1960 census.

The population of the county in the 1950 census was 39,522, grown from its first census of 2,512 after its formation in 1842.

For the same decade the highway sign for Whitesburg said "Pop. 1390." The city recently annexed several acres of homes and businesses and hoped to at least double its population.

Off the record and completely unofficially, an unidentified census taker said "Whitesburg is going to be a bit surprised." The city will not come close to that, he said "off the record."

Consensus of estimates of loss of population was at least 10,000 persons.

Could the total be as low as 25,000? "Wouldn't be surprised," said Sam Collins, Sr., lifelong resident of Letcher County, who was director of law enforcement for Kentucky in the Prohibition era.

Despite a margin of 22 births to 8 deaths in the county the flight of population was accentuated in 1950, county officials and candidates for public office—who keep a finger on the pulse of the voting public—agreed.

The drift from the county last year increased in flow as the result of the coal strike last spring, which caused many miners in small operations to leave for jobs elsewhere.

Automation of the coal mining industry was

the chief reason for the departure of young adult male workers, over the decade, a mining executive said.

The mining industry has changed basically its method of operation with more automation every 10 years over the last 30, said Harry M. Caudill, attorney and the county's representative in the Kentucky General Assembly.

"Where 10 men had jobs, automation left jobs for only four at the end of each decade. Once a miner who loaded eight tons of coal a shift was making a good living. At a big mine on Rickhouse Creek of Letcher County an extensive check was run on productivity per man-day.

"Instead of eight tons a day, each man on the payroll was producing 65 tons of coal a day."

The displacement in jobs has been drastic, to say the least, said Bill Walters, Blackey, engineer who built many of the coal tipplers over the county in 40 years. "But you can't stay the march of mechanical progress," said Walters, a master mechanic. "I don't know what could have been done about it."

The younger generation of working men did something about it. They left Letcher County for the bigger cities with factories in the state; for nearby states.

Extent of the emigration was illustrated dramatically over a recent holiday week end. A retired railroader rested on the porch of the C. B. Caudill store beside Ky 7 at Blackey and watched the license plates of the passing cars—former Letcher Countians coming home for Easter.

Easter.

There were plates from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, as far away as Maryland and California. "Seemed to me about every fourth car had a plate from outside the state of Kentucky," he said.

A birthday sermon at the local Presbyterian Church honored Mrs. T. A. Dixon and her children and other relatives had gathered for the occasion. There were 14 persons, adult to infant, from Louisville.

A census taker in the down-river end of the county said "In 10 families I find that nine of them mention one or more members working in some other state."

And in 90 per cent of cases the worker has moved his family.

The voter registration list does not accurately reflect the extent of the population change, said County Clerk Charlie Wright. Most of the departed have maintained their registration in Letcher County, his records indicate.

"Tragic phase of the picture is that we are losing the young adult population," said Estill Caudill, merchant.

"The producers are leaving. We have now the residual; the aged and the disabled; the non-producers."

It is estimated by welfare workers that 70 per cent of the population now subsists on assistance from one source or another; social security, state welfare, surplus food, or union benefits.

"I'm afraid it inevitably must grow worse," said Judge Courtney Wells, of Circuit Court.

County school officials were shocked recently to discover that the school-age population had dropped more than 900 in the past three months. Supt W. B. Hall said he was so surprised that he sent the figures back for rechecking but the totals came out the same the second time. About 400 of the students no longer listed in the census were those who had passed the school age. But the other 500 represented a loss in population. Hall said he will not know what effect the change will have on Letcher County's school situation until final census figures are tabulated in June.

Here are official census figures on Letcher County since the first census was taken here in 1850:

1850	2,512
1860	3,904
1870	4,608
1880	6,601
1890	6,920
1900	10,623
1920	24,467

(The phenomenal growth—more than 100 per cent increase—between 1910 and 1920 represents the building of the railroad to Letcher County and the opening of the coal fields.)

1930	35,702
1940	40,592
1950	39,522
1956 (estimated)	31,181

Position of library seems to improve

Things were looking up this week for Letcher County's public library.

First off, the library's board of trustees wrote the Louisville and Nashville Railroad seeking to rent quarters for the library in the L&N depot here.

The L&N is not now using a 35 by 35 foot room, formerly the passenger waiting room. Members of the library board felt it would make an ideal library room. Much work will have to be done in the way of decoration and shelving, but the board hopes to get help from the public whenever the railroad gives a go-ahead.

Secondly, Whitesburg Atty. Harry M. Caudill, whose wife is a member of the library board, offered to make an annual subscription of \$25 to the library if other civic groups and individuals would join him. (Caudill's letter to The Mountain Eagle appears on the editorial page of today's paper).

And third, the Whitesburg Choral Club announced it would present its annual concert May 7 and would give half the proceeds to the library.

The State Division of Library grounds will be made, after Extension promised delivery which a lunch will be served this week of a used bookmobile in the lunchroom.

which has been in Prestonsburg. In the afternoon an educational film will be shown in the auditorium.

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Topics for speeches will be: The Importance of Going to High School, Schedules and Requirements for Graduation, Extracurricular Activities, including Clubs, Band and Athletics, and The Need to Study.

Students will assemble in the auditorium at 9:00 a. m.

The program will consist of a welcome by the principal and speeches by students of the speech department.

Miss Gaudia Ware Adams, local chief operator for Southern Bell Telephone Company, entertained the Whitesburg Business and Professional Women's Club at the local Southern Bell office on Tuesday, April 19.

A tour of the entire plant was conducted by Robert W. Taylor, Group Manager, Pikeville. Many intricacies of the system were explained by Tommy Lyons, Pikeville, engineering supervisor, and Ray Worsham, Pikeville, traffic manager.

The use of the switches was explained by James Berryberry, Pikeville, plant foreman, and James Green, local switchman, who also explained and demonstrated how a call can be traced.

Miss Adams continued the tour with an explanation of how a call is established at the switchboard, and allowed the group to observe the operators at work.

After the tour, an informal social hour was enjoyed by the entire group at which time cake was served. Many questions were asked concerning telephone service, and those in charge of the tour assured club members that they are most happy to know the opinions of their subscribers in order that they may continue to improve their service to the public.

Repair commode in Grand Jury room.

Repair window next to clerk's office, upstairs.

Repair plaster in office of Circuit Judge.

Repair door to courtroom.

Paint inside of courthouse.

Remove trash.

Repair, replace or remove drinking fountain in courthouse hall, lower floor.

Repair ceiling in County Attorney's office.

Scrape sign off in hall of courthouse.

Scrub steps to toilet.

Replace toilet seats and clean daily.

Women's toilet should be closed and not used at all unless cleaned daily.

Repair commode in Grand Jury room.

It's clean-up time

Next week is Clean-Up Week in Whitesburg.

City garbage trucks will haul off any trash which residents of the area put out for them, from old fences to ashes. Any resident who has an unusual garbage hauling problem may call the city clerk at 2737 for advice and assistance.

The city will have two trucks at work during the entire week.

To discuss birds

Mrs. D. B. Franklin will present the program to the Whitesburg Woman's Club on the birds of Kentucky when it meets Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Zeneth Bentley.

Some of the members of the Whitesburg Choral Club will give a musical selection.

Sizemore indicted

An indictment for wilful murder was returned Monday by the April grand jury against Deputy Sheriff Alonzo Sizemore in the fatal shooting March 5 of Manuel Bentley.

The Sizemore indictment was the only murder bill among 19 reported Monday to Circuit Judge Courtney C. Wells. There were 12 felony indictments and seven misdemeanors.

Seven of the indictments concerned the welfare of children. They are added to 20 cases of child desertion, failure to support, etc., which are already on the docket for the July Circuit Court.

Bond for Sizemore on the wilful murder indictment was again set at \$15,000. Bentley, 25, a coal miner, was wounded in an affray at the American Legion Home at Neon. He died March 11 at Whitesburg Memorial Hospital. Sizemore told Sheriff Johnny Fulton the shooting was accidental.

A prisoner who escaped from jail April 13 and is still at large was indicted on the charge for which he was held, armed robbery.

Victim of the robbery was George K. Martin, Louisville, a representative of the Dale Carnegie Institute, who had been giving speaking courses at Whitesburg. Sexton allegedly took \$400 from Martin in the Whitesburg holdup.

Sexton was captured in Cin-

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Jean Hensley named Miss Letcher County

Carol Brown, later was chosen as "Miss Kentucky."



MISS JEAN HENSELY

Guard testifies he saw shooting

Campbell, Ky., April 20 — A mine guard testified in Wolfe Circuit Court Wednesday that he saw a United Mine Workers member fatally shoot a night watchman at the mine where he worked.

Curt Absher, 25, was the first prosecution witness in the Commonwealth's case against three U.M.W. members charged with murder in the death of James Otis Adams April 16, 1959.

Absher said the defendants — Harrison Stidham, Verol King, and Democrat Holliman — abducted him from the mine before the shooting.

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Moved to Campbell

The mine guard said he and the three men left the mine,

but later returned as Adams was arriving there with a truckload of coal. It was then, Absher testified, that Stidham shot Adams.

Court was adjourned with Ab-

sher still on the witness stand.

A jury of nine men and three women in hearing the case, which was moved here from Leitcher County on a change of venue. The alleged slaying took place at the Little Shepherd Coal Company ramp in Leitcher.

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Young Collins is a graduate of Whitesburg High School and attended Georgetown College and Morehead State College.

Officers of the auxiliary will be installed. They are Mrs. Earl Mohn, junior vice president; Mrs. Archie Craft, junior vice president; Mrs. Don English, chaplain; Mrs. Morris Madling, conductress; Mrs. Corbett Hammonds, guard; Mrs. James Bloomer, secretary; and Mrs. Kyle Campbell, treasurer.

Installing officer will be Mrs.

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Harlan Collins signs enlistment

Harlan Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Collins Sr. of Whitesburg, has enlisted in the Air Force for a four-year period and has been sent to Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, for basic training.

13 million job increase predicted in next decade

The nation's labor market will increase by 13 1-2 million persons in 1970; with the largest growth coming in age groups under 25 and over 44, according to Changing Times, the Kipling-Magazine.

In its current "Months Ahead" column, a regular feature, the magazine predicts that although there won't be many more persons in the 25-44 age group at work ten years hence, the demand for their skills will soar. One-third of the working force will be women, with approximately half the women between 35 and 64 holding either full or part-time jobs. Farm workers are seen declining, probably in numbers equal to the 5,000,000 (mostly young people) who left the farms during the past 10 years. Only the skilled and educated farmers, the editors of the magazine conclude, are likely to find bright futures on the land.

Glamor jobs of the future will be in electronics, nuclear energy, medicine and medical research and space exploration, according to the article. The demand for engineers will increase, and there will be a great need for technicians to assist the scientists and engineers.

Welding classes at high school

The Letcher County Board of Education, in cooperation with the Area Vocational School, Hazard, is offering a short unit class in welding beginning Tuesday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m., E.S.T.

This class will meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week in the Vocational School mobile shop, located at the Whitesburg High School and will be under the supervision of Ulis Hunsucker, Whites-

Justice of Peace adds words of advice to newlyweds

The excited newlyweds were calmed by his kindness as octogenarian Justice of the Peace Jesse C. Day filled out the marriage certificate.

He was constrained to add a few words of advice:

"You know, this is a lifetime contract. Boy, you be good to this girl. And you, girl, be good to him."

"Whatever you have as you go along, save up a little of it for the hard place, the rainy day."

"And, DON'T BOTH of you get MAD at the SAME TIME."

The newlyweds were Earl Stewart and Darla Newsome. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Newsome, of Eddy, Ky. Mrs. Newsome's name is Nebraska. Two of her sisters were named Florida and Arizona.

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GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR GARDEN

by Dr. Peter Asgrow

FIRST STEPS IN THE GARDEN

What has been happening to the garden all through the winter? For the most part, it has been asleep; the sap of trees and bushes withdrawn into the roots, the innumerable creatures of the soil both visible and microscopic, all at rest. But now, as the warmth returns, the busy life of the soil revives.

There's a natural, age-old urge to get into the garden again, but too early a start may do more harm than good. And there are certain profitable preliminaries which will make a great difference to the success of the coming season. First, the state of fertility in which the soil now is and what additions it

will need. Your purchase of the recommended materials will be the first outlay of the season, but it is not likely to amount to much. More often than not, it will mean time and some form of fertilizer. Do no mix these. If you spread and dig in the fertilizer, wait a week or ten days before spreading the lime and getting it in at the raking and smoothing stage of operations. Otherwise it may combine with some of the chemicals in the fertilizer in such a way that plants cannot absorb them.

To tell whether the soil is ready to be worked, take up a handful and squeeze. If it is crumbly, you may go ahead but if it stays as a tight and sticky ball it is still too wet and would be bothersome on the spade, and liable to cake in lumps. Some gardeners prefer to use a fork rather than a spade, but in both cases the chore of digging can be eased by striking at a slight angle and lifting a modest amount at each hit.

Then you can test for yourself,

using one of the inexpensive kits sold for the purpose at garden supply centers. This is an interesting little job, particularly if you or anyone in the family is interested in chemistry. The alternative is to send the sample to your state agricultural experiment station, putting your name and address inside the package as well as outside. At the same time, write a letter saying that you are sending the sample and telling what you propose to grow. Many garden shops offer the same service or can tell you where it can be done.

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To tell whether the soil is ready to be worked, take up a handful and squeeze. If it is crumbly, you may go ahead but if it stays as a tight and sticky ball it is still too wet and would be bothersome on the spade, and liable to cake in lumps. Some gardeners prefer to use a fork rather than a spade, but in both cases the chore of digging can be eased by striking at a slight angle and lifting a modest amount at each hit.

Then you can test for yourself,

using one of the inexpensive kits sold for the purpose at garden supply centers. This is an interesting little job, particularly if you or anyone in the family is interested in chemistry. The alternative is to send the sample to your state agricultural experiment station, putting your name

Senator Cooper again urges report on survey of river

Senator John Sherman Cooper again has expressed to Congressional colleagues his concern for flood control projects on the headwaters and tributaries of the Kentucky River which would affect Letcher and other counties in the valley.

Senator Cooper appeared with a Kentucky delegation April 7 before the Senate and House Appropriations Committees which had under consideration fiscal 1961 budget recommendations for Kentucky water resources projects.

Senator Cooper spoke particularly of delay in a Corps of Engineers report on a survey of the Kentucky River to determine advisability of providing improvements for flood control, navigation, and related purposes.

The Senator noted that a similar report is overdue on the Upper Cumberland River above Lake Cumberland.

The survey of the Kentucky River was completed by the district engineer for the Corps of Engineers in 1958, but still is under review by the engineers. The delay has been blamed on complex engineering problems which developed.

"We cannot forget the disastrous floods of 1957 and 1958 in the Kentucky River and Upper Cumberland valleys," Senator Cooper said.

"Until the recommendations (of the Corps of Engineers) are known, of course, authorizations and planning funds cannot be requested.

I request your committee to call these surveys to the attention of the Corps of Engineers and ask that they be expedited to provide the protection from repeated floods to which the people of these valleys are entitled."

Senator Thruston B. Morton joined Cooper and the other Kentuckians in urging the committee's approval of appropriations totaling \$70,154,000 for 19 water resources projects on rivers in Kentucky.

bulk of the requested funds concerned Ohio River projects and the Barkley Dam on the lower Cumberland.

The sum of \$15,000 was asked to continue the survey of Bunches Creek in the Upper Cumberland valley.

Stolen Whitaker car is recovered

An automobile stolen from Tom Whitaker at Blackey Wednesday night was recovered April 14 beside KY 7 a few miles away, Sheriff Johnny Fulton reported. The ignition had been wired over to start the car but otherwise it was undamaged, Whitaker reported to the sheriff's office. The sheriff and State Police were investigating but reported no clues to the thief.

Suspect posts bond in shooting case

A charge of shooting and wounding was filed against Glenwood Wilson, Blackey, as the result of an affray April 9 night on Line Fork Creek, according to Letcher County Sheriff Johnny Fulton.

Wounded by a gunshot was Oakland Halcomb, Ulvah. Wilson was freed under \$1,000 bond.

Billy Lynn Bates wins spelling bee

Miss Billie Lynn Bates, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bates, formerly of Deane, Ky., was the recent winner of her school's spelling bee in Orlando, Fla.

Billy Lynn by winning at her school, became a contestant for the Orange County title.

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Mrs. Mary Bentley dies at age of 80

Mrs. Mary Mattie Wright Bentley, 80, of Deane, died March 24 at Sharon Heights Hospital, Jenkins. She was a native of Letcher County. She is survived by her husband, Shade Bentley, two sons, a daughter, four brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held March 26 at the First Church of God, Neon. Burial was in the Riley Bentley cemetery, Deane, with Craft Funeral Home in charge.

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Letcher PTA's women lose quiz - and serve

It fell to the lot of the women, as usual, to serve the men when it came to the refreshment hour at the meeting April 4 of the Letcher Consolidated Parent-Teacher Association at the school's new lunchroom.

The service phase of the program was occasioned when Tommy Wardrup, program chairman, staged a contest between the male and female members with a series of questions about Kentucky. The men won.

New business brought up a discussion of making a "little theater" of an old barn on the school premises. A committee was appointed to see if the barn can be moved to another location for the project.

Watson Adams presided for the unusually large gathering among which nine new members ran the group's roll to 134. The Rev. Willie Back led the

group in prayer. President Adams read an essay stressing the need for men in an active PTA. His club's list had shown a membership of 57 men and 68 women, an unusually good showing for the men.

Reports were given by Ruby Breeding, secretary; Bill M. Adams, treasurer, and committee chairmen: Mansfield Dixon, membership; Burnett Adams, publication; Grace Ison, scholarship; Virginia Dixon, preschool clinic; Anita Campbell, publicity; and Dr. Lundy Adams, ways and means.

Plans for the Letcher School PTA Fair on May 7 were presented by Dr. Adams. A feature will be guided tours of the new building.

A committee was instructed to study erection of a sign on nearby Highway 7 to help passersby locate the school building.

Mrs. Clarinda Back provided the door prize which was won by Dr. Adams. Mrs. Freda Caudill will provide the door prize for the May meeting.

Donations of books for the new library again were invited. They may be sent to Letcher School, Letcher, Ky., or turned over to President Adams.

The law provides for fines of up to \$100 and six months in jail for violators.

In addition, the person responsible for starting a forest fire is liable to the state for the cost of putting out the fire.

Malicious firebugs may be fined \$1,000 or sent to the penitentiary for two years, or both.

These laws will be strictly enforced in Letcher County this season, Boggs warned. He is being assisted by a special enforcement officer, William Lee Roberts, of the Division of Forestry.

Jack Guy Pittman dies at Jackhorn

Jack Guy Pittman, 64, died March 27 at his residence at Jackhorn. He was a native of West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret D. Pittman, a sister and three brothers.

The funeral was held March 30 at the Hemphill Freewill Baptist Church. Burial was in the Thornton Cemetery with Craft Funeral Home in charge.

A native of Letcher County, Mr. Hall is survived by his wife, Mrs. Susanna Meade Hall; two sons, two daughters, two brothers and three sisters.

The still was destroyed April 11 in a raid by Letcher County Deputy Sheriffs Archie Adams and Leonard Adams, and Gardner Bates, agent of the Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control Division.

Arrested was Frable Sexton,

who lives within 100 yards of

where the still was found. He was released under \$200 bond.

Craft Funeral Home was in charge.

Malvory Meade dies Sunday, March 27

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Fire starters pay the penalties

Four Letcher County residents have had to pay the costs of putting out forest fires thus far in the current spring fire season, Forester Joe Boggs, of the State Division of Forestry, announced this week. The cost to the four was about \$10 each.

He reiterated his warning against careless handling of fire by pointing out that in 1959 a total of 98 fires raged in the woods of Letcher County.

He noted that 2,700 acres of forest land were ravaged, causing a loss of \$19,600. It cost the taxpayers \$2,800 to put out these fires.

Worst of the fires were caused by careless burners of weeds and brush. Others were caused by campers, smokers and incendiaries.

Boggs reminded citizens that Kentucky statutes provide that fires may not be set near woodlands or brushlands, except from 4:30 p.m. until midnight during the months of March, April, May, October, November and December.

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In My Opinion To help library

To the editor:

I was most pleased to read your recent article and editorial concerning our Letcher County Public Library.

The general public has shown little interest in this institution and it has been able to exist thus far largely because of the unselfish efforts of a very few people. If we are genuinely interested in educating the children in our community and in enabling our adults to spend their time in profitable reading, it is time that a county-wide effort be made to rescue our library and to make it really effective.

The library trustees believe that they will soon be able to house the library in more easily accessible and comfortable quarters. This will require money, however, and even more money will be required to increase the number of books to adequate level. Neither the County nor the County Board of Education can contribute adequate sums of money to the library and I believe private donations are its only hope.

It must be emphasized that this is a county-wide library service over all of Letcher County through the bookmobile. Each family with children has a real interest at stake and if a television can be bought for the children's entertainment, books should be provided for their education. I believe each civic organization in Letcher County should support the library with annual or monthly donations and each individual citizen who is able to do so should do likewise, even though the individual donations may be only a dollar or so at a time. For this reason I am willing to make a pledge of an annual contribution of \$25 to our library to be paid at such time as the trustees may specify, provided a number of other interested citizens and organizations will do likewise. Here is a real opportunity to stop talking about educating our children and to do something effective about it.

How many are willing to write to the Treasurer of the Library Board of Trustees and make a similar pledge?

Very truly yours,
Harry M. Caudill
Whitesburg, Ky.

Eagle Eye . . .

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law; as contraband as a run of still-warm moonshine whiskey; couldn't legally be bought or sold.

The authorities confiscated the tobacco to pay the penalty for allotment violation. They scattered the valuable leaves on the field which grew them. Then, to guard against clandestine recovery of the tobacco, the enforcement agents diskinned it right back into the soil.

The defiant farmer's time and work were not all lost. At least he had left a well-fertilized field for spuds.

There may be people out there

By Gilbert Barley

An estimate of the number of stars in the universe puts the figure at 1 billion 600 million.

Of these approximately 5,000 can be seen by the unaided eye. There may be people out here. At least this is the opinion of some astronomers at the Green Bank, West Virginia observatory.

Through them man is now trying to contact any intelligent life which might be listening. Our first targets are stars 11 light years away.

If we were to beam a "hello" today, it would be 1971 before they could receive it. Then there would be the problem of decoding. Would they know English?

Suppose these far away beings did figure out our message and returned one of their own within a few weeks. We would get their message in 1982. It might read "hello yourself."

There would still be a long way to go in understanding one another.

Now that each has established the existence of the other the next thing might well be to begin for peace talks. Of course there has been no war but it is best to be on the safe, and winning, side.

We give to prevent crippled bodies— why not to prevent crippled minds?

Letcher County residents are asked every year to contribute money and services to just about every project you could think of, and we are sure the list gets kind of tiresome to many of them.

It seems that just about every time you turn around, some child is asking you to buy a ticket to something or other or some adult wants to give you a plastic stick pin in return for your money.

We are getting into the act ourselves today, asking every citizen of the county to pledge some of his pennies or his dollars to the improvement of the Letcher County Public Library.

One contribution already is pledged. Rep. Harry M. Caudill, in a letter published elsewhere on this page, volunteers to give \$25 a year to the library if others will join him.

While we do not agree with Mr. Caudill's statement that Letcher Fiscal Court cannot support the library, we do agree that apparently the court is not going to and therefore it is up to the rest of us to keep it going.

We recognize that dollars are scarce, and that most people have at least 10 demands for every dollar they have available. But we have too much to lose in our library program not to make every attempt to keep it going.

The library was saved recently from ruin through quick action of Sen. Archie Craft and state officials. But the state cannot continue to put money into the library unless we show our willingness to give it some financial support too. After all, there isn't yet enough state library money to go around, and why should it be sent where there is no evidence that is appreciated when many places that do want it are clamoring for it all the time?

We give money to provide for disaster victims, but what greater disaster could befall us than for Communism to overtake us for the lack of better-educated minds?

We send food packages to feed starving bodies in foreign countries, yet we fail to feed hungry minds here at home.

We give to cure crippled bodies and at the same time permit young minds to mature crippled by lack of challenging reading material.

We give money to fight cancer but fail to provide a preventive for the slow rot of the unused mind.

We applaud beauty and brawn but neglect the brains which would make them useful.

In the past week, citizens of Letcher County have given money for, among other things, eliminating a debt owed by the Whitesburg High School Band, providing treatment for crippled children and sending Letcher County's fairest young lady to a beauty contest at Lexington. Last year we chipped in more than \$1,000 to help Carol Brown through her year as the reigning "Miss Kentucky."

While we do not quarrel with the worthiness of any of these causes, we do believe the library is as important as all of them put together. America's future—and Letcher County's future—lies in the quality of education provided her

youth. An adequate library is a fundamental part of that education. Letcher County can have one of the finest small libraries in Kentucky if we will give as much time and thought to its finances as we do to any one of several appeals every year.

As a rule we do not publish names of contributors to fund campaigns in The Mountain Eagle, but we believe this to be the most important single campaign of the year and so we are planning to relax the rule for once and will use the names of those who pledge money for the library.

Below is a blank for your convenience:

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Letcher County Public Library

I pledge \$ _____ as my contribution to build a better library for Letcher County.

Check proper box:

- () Check or money order enclosed.
() I will pay later. You may expect my contribution on _____, 1960.
() I plan to make this an annual pledge.

Contributions should be addressed to Mrs. A. F. Judd, Treasurer, Letcher County Public Library, Whitesburg, Ky.

Heard this song before

"Sing it again to me—that old refrain" seems to be the theme song of Letcher County's grand juries, but so far no one is hearing their music.

For the umpteenth time, the grand jury this week recommended demolition of the Letcher County jail and erection of a new one.

For as long as we can remember, grand juries have been singing the same refrain, but the jail stands just where it has since it was built during the last century and continues to rot.

Escapes have become the usual thing, and no criminal worth his salt has to use more than a can opener to get out whenever he pleases.

Two avenues are open to the people of Letcher County. They may let the jail continue to rot until it collapses and kills several persons. Or they may vote a special bond issue and build themselves a new jail.

In view of the county's serious financial situation, we doubt that now is the time to vote a bond issue, but it's something to be thinking about doing after the county changes to the cheaper commission form of government next year.

Cut in Department of Education discretionary power sought

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18. The Committee recommends that the Foundation law be amended to allow the Department of Education less discretionary power.

A study of the proposed foundation program law published by the Legislative Research Commission prior to the law's adoption in 1954 pointed out the danger of giving the Department of Education so much discretionary power. The Report stated that:

A well-designed foundation program will minimize the role of administrative authorities by providing an objective formula to determine each district's program and financial contribution. The recommended program provides the State Board of Education with an unusual amount of discretionary power. Placing such a large number of discretionary powers as well as important policy decisions in the hands of a non-partisan State Board would be excellent if the members could devote full time to such a service. However, with a non-salaried Board of lay members, meeting only four days each year, this would mean that policy decisions vital to the success of the program would be delegated to the State Superintendent. Yet these matters of policy would have an important effect upon the success of the program. If the State Board could not give adequate attention to such policy decisions, they might more properly be made part of the foundation program law.

The administration of the foundation program in the last six years has affirmed the validity of this criticism. The Board, through the Superintendent of Public Instruction, is responsible for defining isolated schools, ASIS units, the conditions under which personnel can be employed for longer than the school term, the capital outlay projects for which payment can be approved, the reimbursable cost of pupil transportation, and other matters of similar importance.

This broad regulatory power has a tremendous effect on both the cost and the quality of the foundation program. For example, the foundation program in education law delegates to the State Board of Education authority to classify as "isolated schools" those schools with fewer than one hundred pupils in average daily attendance and which meet other criteria established by the Board with respect to distance and travel time to another school. Such schools receive more liberal financial participation under the foundation program. The law also provided that the Board could annually for a period of five years classify as "temporarily isolated schools" those small schools which did not meet criteria for "isolated schools." The intent was to provide a grace period during which districts could construct adequate facilities.

At the end of the five-year period the Department of Education reclassified as "isolated schools" all of the remaining "temporarily isolated schools." The legislative provision for the "temporarily isolated schools" at least implied that schools were to be placed in that category

because other schools within the prescribed distances were overcrowded. If the district did not construct adequate facilities within the five year period, then the district would no longer receive the additional financing from the state. The action of the Department of Education made the legislative provision of the "temporarily isolated school" category completely meaningless and void.

19. The Committee recommends that more effective and aggressive use be made of the present staff of the Department of Education.

The 1960 Budget appropriates over two million, four hundred thousand dollars for the biennium to the Department of Education for general operations within the Department. Approximately one million dollars a year is for salaries. The sum is not unreasonable in light of the size and scope of the Department's administrative responsibilities, but it would appear ample to provide adequate supervision of the system. It is apparent, however, that this large and costly administrative machinery has not been used to maximum advantage. Hearings before the Committee and supplemental data have revealed innumerable problems due to insufficient supervision, a lack of constructive leadership, and a tendency to limit planning for educational progress to requesting ever-higher appropriations.

The House of Representatives specifically requested this Committee to inquire into "the administration of the expenditures of funds appropriated to the Department, (and) the administration of law relating to education by both the Department and the State Board of Education." As a result of evidence presented to it, the Committee is deeply concerned about both the administration of funds and the administration of expenditures. Vast sums of money are being allocated to districts without adequate controls. The laws governing common schools are not adequately enforced and in many cases have been weakened by regulation. The Committee believes that citizens, taxpayers, and children of the Commonwealth deserve more effective administration of the foundation program law than has been afforded by the Department of Education.

A basic problem is the administrative complexity of the foundation program. The Department has been so concerned with detail that it has ignored the larger problems. For example, the Department employs six auditors, who work in the field examining school district accounts; but, instead of conducting audits to discover misuse of public funds, these auditors examine every teacher's attendance register. This would appear to be a matter of decidedly minor importance in a program involving such vast sums of money. Much of the Department staff is similarly occupied with what amounts to routine clerical work. Before the apportionment of funds to a particular district can be made, the Division of Teacher Education must certify the rank of all teachers employed, the Division of Instruction must certify the units staffed, and other divisions must make equally routine calculations. Most of this information could be tabulated more accurately and more quickly by machine. At present, districts do not know the

exact allotment until well into the second semester of the school year, but must operate under a tentative estimate. In 1958-59, the final calculation was nearly one and a half million dollars more than the tentative estimate, a discrepancy which makes accurate budgeting on either the state or the district level almost impossible.

The Department's reporting and recording systems have proven inadequate. For example, there is no information available to determine a district's need for classrooms, or the condition of present school plants. There is no compilation concerning the actual salary of teachers in terms of their educational level. Such data as are available are scattered among the various bureaus and divisions, with no central source of statistics. The Department's primary method of fiscal supervision is through examination of school district budgets. This very limited administrative role may have been appropriate when schools were largely a local concern; since the state became the major partner in school finance when the foundation program was enacted, it is no longer sufficient. If better schools are to become a reality in Kentucky, the Department of Education must begin to exercise leadership and discharge its statutory duty to actively administer the laws and to supervise the expenditure of school funds.

20. The Committee recommends that the foundation program law be amended to define clearly and specifically the content of educational services which the General Assembly wishes to guarantee in every district.

When the foundation program law was enacted in 1954, the General Assembly declared that its intent was "to assure substantially equal public school educational opportunities, through a foundation program, for those in attendance in the public schools of the Commonwealth, but not to limit nor to prevent any school district from providing educational services and facilities beyond those assured by the foundation program." (KRS 157.310). A foundation program, by definition, is not intended to provide all kinds of school services and facilities, but only those which are necessary to provide a basic adequate school program.

The foundation program law defines a basic classroom unit, then allocates certain sums to each unit for teachers' salaries, current expenses, and capital outlay. One unit is allowed each eight classroom units for administrative, supervisory, and special instructional services (ASIS units). State allotments are intended to assure a minimum foundation of adequate services in each district, not to underwrite the cost of the complete educational structure. The Committee concludes that this concept has not been adhered to in the six years the law has been in effect. Foundation program funds have been used to provide services above and beyond those contemplated in the original definition.

An example of the changing definition of the basic program is offered by the use of the allotment for current expenses. The law guarantees all districts \$600 per classroom unit for current expenses; House Bill No. 437 proposes that this amount be raised to \$900. "Current expenses" is not defined by law, and the State

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No parks for dirty towns

There is an extra special reason to honor the Clean-Up Week proclamation issued by Mayor Ferdinand Moore, in which Whitesburg residents are requested to get their yards, homes, streets and sidewalks in tip-top shape during the next week.

The No. 1 reason is simply that Whitesburg, when it is all cleaned up, is one of the prettiest towns in Eastern Kentucky. Hidden behind a layer of dirt as it sometimes is, it can be one of the most unattractive towns anywhere. We all are happier and walk just a little bit taller when the town is clean, and that's the main reason for Clean-Up Week.

The No. 2 reason is that Governor Bert Combs is coming to town April 29, to spend a day and night looking us over. It is no secret that many Whitesburg residents hope to obtain a promise of a state park from the governor during his visit.

A town that is littered with dirt and trash is foolish to ask for a park. There are too many other towns in Kentucky which take pride in their appearance for a dirty town even to merit consideration.

So, let's all get together and collectively put our best foot forward in the next few days as we prove what a really attractive place Whitesburg can be. Otherwise, for the lack of some elbow grease we might destroy all hope for such an important permanent improvement to the area as a state park.

Our new ambassadress

Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce have high hopes that "Miss Letcher County" this year will again become "Miss Kentucky." We hope their hopes will be realized.

We were particularly pleased to see that Miss Jean Hensley, the winner of the "Miss Letcher County" title, used as her talent exhibit her ability to sing the native folk tunes which form a part of Letcher County's rich heritage. It is nice to see a Letcher County resident proudly claiming her heritage rather than shamefacedly denying it. We wish Miss Hensley well in her efforts to spread Letcher County's fame as well as her own.

Department of Education does not attempt to audit current expenses. Every classroom unit is allotted \$600, yet many districts fail to spend the full amount for current expenses, even in the broadest definition of the term, but use part of the allotment for other purposes. The cost of operating school cafeterias, athletic programs, adult vocational programs, health programs, and even programs which are almost completely reimbursed by the federal government are considered current expense for foundation program purposes. The Committee does not question the value of these programs, but it does question whether they are part of a foundation program as contemplated by the General Assembly. The definition of current expenses which the state should guarantee is of sufficient import to merit legislative attention.

Another example of failure to adhere to the foundation program concept is the allocation of ASIS units. The law provides: "In allotting . . . (ASIS units) . . . the total number of classroom units . . . shall be divided by eight and the quotient shall be the number of classroom units allotted to the district for superintendents, principals, their certified assistants and such special instructional service personnel as are authorized by regulations of the State Board of Education." (KRS 157.360 (6)). The 1956 Budget Act stated that: "The State Board of Education may designate ASIS units which may be allotted either as basic units or ASIS units, but otherwise no excess of ASIS units shall be used to compensate for a deficit in basic units." The State Board of Education then amended the regulation defining ASIS units to provide that: "Classroom units for the positions of physical education teacher, music education teacher, arts teacher, industrial arts teacher, driver education teacher may be approved for special instructional service units or basic classroom units upon the approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction."

Thus, a driver education teacher could be counted as a "basic classroom unit." Each eight ASIS units defined as basic units entitled the district to an additional ASIS unit. The Department of Finance maintained that this was a substantive change in the law, since the provision in effect negated the eight to one ratio set by law. The Department of Education contended that the regulation was within its authority to define and allocate ASIS units and the Attorney General issued an opinion upholding this view. As a result, the Department of Education could count certain units as either basic or ASIS units, contrary to the foundation program concept of emphasizing the basic classroom unit and restricting special units.

This matter is an example of the need for more specific definitions in the law. A liberalization of what is counted as a basic unit involves a considerable increase in the cost of the program. If the General Assembly intends to assure every district the minimum services and facilities necessary for adequate schools before providing supplementary services such as driver education, more specific restrictions on the use of funds seem to be required. The definition of the foundation program should be set by law and not left to regulation.

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Doings in town

By Gertrude Gambill

The stock arrived at Sharon Heights Hospital last week, bringing to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Brewer a boy baby. Mr. Brewer is band director at Jenkins High School. They have one other child.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Blevins this week are Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Blevins or Orlando, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman Bowman visited with relatives in Knoxville, Tenn., over the Easter week end.

Mrs. Frank Craig, Mrs. Martha Mullins and Mrs. Dora Anderson visited with Giles Craig and sons in Bluefield, W. Va., over the past week end.

Mrs. Violetta Mullins has been released from Sharon Heights Hospital after spending several days there.

Misses Carolyn Asbury, Gaynell and Janice Potter, all student nurses at St. Mary's School of Nursing in Huntington, W. Va., spent Easter week end with their families here.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bates Local, Mrs. Erman Cantrell of Pound, Va., Donald Stewart and Miss Peggy Meadows of Harlan, Ky.

Among those who are patients at Sharon Heights Hospital are Mrs. Goff Greer, Mrs. Helen O'Connor and Mrs. Bonnie Pritchard.

Charlie Hughes, a former resident of here but for the past seven years residing in Cleveland, Ohio, died last week after undergoing surgery there. The body was brought here to the home of his sister Mrs. Glenn Gilliam and services were said for him at the Church of God of Prophecy on Sunday and interment was at Ramsey, Va. Our sympathy goes to his family.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Ronald Charles on Monday, April 18, a girl baby at the Memorial Hospital in Whitesburg. The name Debra Lynn has been chosen for her.

Mrs. June Hester remains a patient of Memorial Hospital in Whitesburg. Her friends are wishing for her a very speedy recovery.

Mrs. Joe Brown has returned home after visiting relatives in Richmond, Ky.

A visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvie Hensley for the Easter week end was their son, Paul, who is a dental student at the University of Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brummett and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Burchwell have returned after spending the week end with friends and relatives in Detroit, Mich.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Mrs. Sarah Baker, who died last week.

We extend our sympathy to John and Hershell Childers in the loss of their aunt Mrs. Mandy Reese.

Mrs. Chester Wolfe is home again after spending a few days at Memorial Hospital in Whitesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Dicky Day of Lexington, Ky., were here for the week end to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Childers and Mrs. J. M. Martin.

Five speakers visit Letcher School pupils

McROBERTS

Champion heads PTA

By Flora Scott

The P.T.A. held its meeting last Tuesday night with Arthur L. Scott, president presiding.

Mr. C. V. Snapp and the chorale group of the Jenkins High School sang many delightful numbers.

The following were elected for offices for the next year: Mr. Elwood Champion, president; Mrs. Sandra Collins, treasurer; Mrs. Henry Baker, secretary.

Out of town visitors visiting homefolks over the week end were: Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Barnes, Cincinnati; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Foster, Louisville; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnson, Dayton, Ohio; and Lt. Bert Adams, Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Scott visited in Johnson City and brought home their daughter, Jeanette, who was visiting Don Scott and family.

Miss Shirley Holbrook and mother of Grand Rapids, Mich., visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Scott over the week end.

Mrs. Bud Fleenot is home after visiting in Louisville with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Holmes. Mrs. Holmes and babies came home with her.

Funeral services were held from the Profitt residence April 22 and burial was in the family cemetery, Camp Branch.

Craft Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Last week Letcher Consolidated School was fortunate in having five outstanding people contribute to the learning climate of its classrooms. They were Finley Booth, Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Collins, and Reverend and Mrs. Cam Wallace.

On April 13, Mr. Booth from the Kentucky Heart Association explained the work of that organization, showed a film on how the heart works, and did an electrocardiogram on a child representative from each room in grades six through high school.

Dr. R. D. Collins from the County Health Department explained the circulatory system and how it works. He used the model furnished by the Kentucky Heart Association.

Dwana Adams, a sixth grade pupil at Letcher, created a real interest in the heart study. She

underwent open heart surgery at the National Institute of Health on February 24. She returned to school March 21.

Rev. and Mrs. Cam Wallace from the Belgian Congo showed exhibits and gave talks on their work in Africa.

Governor . . .

(Continued From Page 1) dent of the Chamber of Commerce.

The governor will return for rest at the home of Senator and Mrs. Craft, whose overnight guests he and Commissioner Fox will be.

The address by the governor will be the highlight of the banquet program. Dr. Owens, who has made an extensive study of Pine Mountain flora and fauna, topography and geology, will show color slides of the area.

A group of folk dancers, selected from the Letcher County area and directed by W. Lee Cooper, will give a program.

A camera crew and staff from WSA-TV, Huntington, W. Va., is expected to be here for the governor's visit.

All of the 150 banquet tickets, which is the seating capacity of the dining hall, have been sold, President Coffey said.

Elizabeth Lucas dies

Elizabeth Lucas, 81, died at the residence of Donald Profitt, Colson on April 19. Ten children survive her.

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WHITESBURG, KENTUCKY

Nine scouting units exhibit this Saturday

By R. Percy Elkins

Final problems were worked out by the Letcher Scouting Exhibition Committee Monday night to insure the success of Letcher county's first Scouting Exhibition to be held in the Jenkins Field House Saturday. The exhibition begins at one o'clock with a parade from the

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Pikeville residents guests of Stewarts



MRS. LOIS BOYLE
Homemakers
to hear talk

on need for charm

Spring district meeting time is here for Homemakers club members throughout Kentucky. Letcher County Homemakers are preparing for the Kentucky River District Federation meeting, to be held April 27 at Irvine, Ky.

Featured speaker for the day's program will be Mrs. Lois Boyle, an ex-model who is not only a minister's daughter but a minister's wife as well. Her subject is "Charm is a Many-Splendored Thing"—as important in the everyday world of homemaking as in show business or society.

Mrs. Boyle, who grew up in the mid-west, teaches classes and gives talks to many women in and around Louisville, encouraging them to make the most of their personalities and appearances. Many of her classes are for ministers' wives.

Mrs. Boyle's husband is working toward his doctor's degree at a Louisville seminary and is also Executive Chaplain at the Louisville Medical Center. They have two children, ages 6 and 9.

The State President of the Kentucky Federation of Homemakers, Mrs. Carl Evans of Ballard County, will talk about building a strong homemakers federation as part of the morning program.

Also scheduled in the morn-

diana visited Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Adams and others recently.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson of Ironton, Ohio, announced the birth of a son, Timothy.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Blair of Cleveland, Ohio, visited here last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Beigie Lane Broeding and daughter Julia Lynn of Ohio visited Mr. and Mrs. Beigie Breeding at Jeremieah.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Craft of Ohio visited Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Craft and others here last week end.

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Other highlights of the all-day meeting will be special music by Estill county Homemakers.

The meeting will be held at Irvine, starting at 10:30 A. M. District director Mrs. M. H. Steele, Perry County will pre-

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Mrs. Brightwell will speak at conference

Mrs. Dallas (Mildred) Brightwell, executive secretary of the Kentucky Congress of Parents and Teachers, will be the speaker for the Tenth District conference to be held at Hazard, April 30, at the Walkertown School on Main Street. All parent-teacher units in Letcher are invited to send one or more members to this important meeting.

Mrs. Brightwell has assisted the advancement of parent-teacher work through seven administrations since being elected to this position in January, 1958.

Being an ambassador of goodwill and by virtue of her position, she represents the membership of the Kentucky Congress in many endeavors for the advancement of educational opportunities for Kentucky's children.

Interested in education for many years, she was a teacher in a rural school in Nelson County before her marriage.

Prior to her election as a member of the Kentucky Congress board of managers, she worked in the Certification Division of the State Department of Education. She first served on the PTA organization as treasurer for seventh district.

Mission program presented for Circle

A program on missions in the home was presented for the Little Moon Circle of the First Baptist Church April 12 at the home of Mrs. Jim Reynolds.

The program was presented by Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, Mrs. Alvin Holbrook, Mrs. Herbert Smith, Mrs. Sam Collins, Sr., Mrs. J. C. Adams and Mrs. Bob Stansbury. The devotional was by Mrs. A. C. Adams.

A salad plate was served to the above and Miss Bonnie Griffin, Mrs. Dennis Combs, Miss Sally Smith and Mrs. T. H. Rowlette.

BLACKKEY

Letcher High sophomores hold party; four added to Olivet Church roll

By Larry Caudill

Annual party of the sophomore class of Letcher High School was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Estep with Dale Estep as hostess.

Guests included Bernice Asher, Carol Adams, Mary Lindsey, Mary Ann Asher, Sadie Caudill, Delores Fields, Joe Duke, Eddie Amburgey, Hirschel Riley, Jesse Mayes, Castillo Ison, Philip Brown, Burley Caudill, Larry Caudill, Larry Back, and Dudley Halcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Begley of Clemenin, W. Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Mullins of Lexington and their children visited their father, C. B. Caudill.

WHITESBURG SCHOOL

LUNCH

Monday — Steamed Bologna, Macaroni and Cheese, Buttered Peas, Hot Rolls, Butter, Milk, Fruit Cup.

Tuesday — Meat Loaf With Tomato Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Hot Rolls, Butter, Milk, Chocolate Cake With Ice Cream.

Wednesday — Cheese Sandwich, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Potato Salad on Lettuce, Butter, Milk, Apple Pie.

Thursday — Pinto Beans, Onion Rings, Pickled Beets, Carrot Sticks, Corn Bread, Butter, Milk, Pineapple Rice Pudding.

Friday — Roast Pork and Gravy, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Hot Rolls, Butter, Milk, Fruit Jello.

"April is the cruellest month," T. S. Eliot once observed. This is one of the few poetic utterances ever to be confirmed by the Internal Revenue Code.

It was Dad's job to build the

chimneys. It was my job to keep him supplied with mortar and bricks. And when he reached for a brick—it had better be there.

It still is my impression that he was the fastest bricklayer in history.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Sparkman, of Ohio, former residents here, stopped by to visit C. B. Caudill, who is recuperating from a serious illness.

Specialist Fourth Class and Mrs. Vincent Back, of El Paso, visited the Bryan Back and Curt Caudill families.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Jones of Mill Branch visited his sister, Mrs. Clara Banks.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Smith and daughter Patricia of Cincinnati were week end visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Estep and daughter Dale visited relatives at Viper.

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Dixon and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Back of Cincinnati visited the John Back, Green Fields and Dave Dixon families.

John P. Scott, restaurant operator in Washington, D. C., was a visitor recently.

Bill Back was home from Cumberland College and Richard Cornell from Lees.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Caudill of Cincinnati visited the Curt Caudills.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hampton of Louisville visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hampton.

Civic improvements: The dangerous chugholes in the approach to the Blackey bridge between the Estill Caudill and Hard Kilbourne stores were fixed, thanks to highway boss S. M. Banks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Collins of Dayton, Ohio, visited the Hiram Fraziers at Roxana and the John W. Collines on Mill Branch.

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Juice Dole Frozen
Pineapple-Orange 2 6-Oz. Cans 45¢Testoil All Purpose
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THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1960
PAGE 3Barbara Day
is married
in Ohio

Miss Barbara Day, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ercell B. Day, Route 1, Gallipolis, Ohio, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Day, of Neon, was married March 19 to J. Eugene Harmon, of Kanakee, Ill., son of Mr. and Mrs. Judson Harmon, of Chillicothe, Ohio.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Vernon G. Shaffer at the Nazarene Church, Gallipolis.

The bride wore a ballerina length gown of chantilly lace and tulle, fashioned with Queen Anne collar and long lace sleeves, tapering to points over the wrist. The bouffant skirts, of pleated tulle with lace applique, was worn over bridal hoops. The headpiece of lace and pearls held the ballerina length veil of imported silk illusion. She carried a white Bible with a white lace cover and satin streamers tipped with lilies of the valley, topped with a corsage of white rosebuds.

Maid of honor was Miss Freda Saunders. Flower girl was Linda Marie Day. Best man was Roland Wolfe, Racine, Ohio. Miss Janet Brewer played the wedding music. A reception followed the ceremony.

Mrs. Harmon is a graduate of Kyger High School. The bridegroom is attending Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee. The couple will reside in Kankakee.

Hospital begins
landscaping workIt's Spring planting time at
the Whitesburg Memorial Hospi-tal, as young trees and flower-
ing shrubs are being set out on
the grounds.This planting is the first of
several stages in landscape de-
velopment planned for the hos-
pital, and being done in keeping
with a master landscape blue-
print worked out by the hos-
pital's architects.Plants selected have been
chosen for their beauty, hardi-
ness and appropriateness to the
hospital's natural hilltop set-
ting. Included in this first plant-
ing are sugar maple, white birch,
paper birch, magnolia, flowering
crabapple, raintree, hydrangea,
mountain laurel, rhododendron,
honeysuckle, snowball and abelia.For the second year, the hos-
pital is participating in the na-
tion's reforestation program
with the planting of 1,000 seed-
ling pines on the west hillside.
Previous planting was done on
the water tower hill and the
young pines are doing nicely.Contractor for the landscap-
ing is the Wood-Howell Nursery
of Bristol, Va.ULVAH
Bluefield school
parents, teachers
have egg hunt

By Lovell Caudill

We are proud and thankful
this week to learn that Letcher
County's beauty is found in the
lower end of the county. The
honor goes to Miss Jean Henaley
of Letcher High, who won the
beauty contest last week end at
Whitesburg, as Miss Letcher
County. We certainly wish for
her the best and hope she makes it as Miss Kentucky.Bluefield school and teacher
and parents met last Friday and
had a wonderful evening on an
Easter egg hunt. The parents
gave Nancy Carol Mitchie a sur-
prise birthday party. Mrs. Jim
Caudill made the cake, and fur-
nished drinks. The little lady re-
ceived many nice gifts.Nina Mae Caudill was home
over the week end. She returned
to Indianapolis, Ind., last
Sunday.The Caudills had special com-
pany over the week end, Molly
Steelie, Letcher, and Reed Wil-
liams, Latherwood.Mrs. Janis Mitchell isn't feel-
ing well this week.Jim Greer, also has been on
the sick list. We hope he will
soon feel better.What it really takes to make
a house a home is a down pay-
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Notices

NOTICE OF SALE

At 10:00 a.m. April 25 we will sell at public auction the following described vehicles being held for storage and service charges:

1951 Mercury, Motor No. 515L 123533M, No license.

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Large house has 7 rooms, bath, dressing room, open front porch, enclosed back porch entry, finished cellar. Central heat, automatic stoker, new electric hot water heater, good water, electric stove and refrigerator, wired intercom, two lawns. Entirely new room and subroof, also insulated stone construction, new large knotty pine family room with all aluminum slide and lift out sealed windows, clerestory windows, modern fireplace with Tennessee marble hearth, indirect lighting, bookshelves and excellent closets, 1 dressing room with door mirror.

Smaller house, now rented, also sound construction, has 4 rooms, bath, 2 porches, large stone fireplace, central hot air heat, electric water heater, stove and refrigerator, lake view and beautiful large trees.

Property also has plexiglass carport, and recreation building with concrete basketball floor and dressing rooms, swimming, fishing, ice skating, hiking, excellent woodland paths. Will sell at a reasonable quick sale price until May 20th complete or subdivided. Telephone 2920.

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For Rent

FOR RENT — Three-room furnished apartment, Main Street, hot and cold running water, private bath. Call 2067 or see Ralph B. Bates, Whitesburg.

Special judge to be appointed

A special judge will be requested to hear the trial April 25 of the case in which the state seeks to collect over \$4,000 in alleged excess fees from former Sheriff Robert B. Collins.

Circuit Judge Courtney C. Wells, who is finishing his last term on Letcher circuit bench, stepped aside for personal reasons, according to an order entered in the record of Circuit Clerk W. L. Stallard, Jr., and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present same, verified according to law, to the undersigned on or before July 30, 1960; and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to call and settle same with the undersigned on or before said date.

Robert D. Kyle
Dunham, Ky.
By Harry L. Moore
Attorney.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to order of Letcher County Court dated April 2nd 1960 the undersigned Vivian Huff Halcomb was appointed Executrix of the estate of, Letha Ann Halcomb Coots, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them to her (undersigned) or her attorney, French Hawk of Whitesburg, Ky., verified according to law, not later than June 30th 1960. All persons being indebted to the estate of the said Letha Ann Halcomb Coots are requested to make payment thereof to the Executrix on or before said date.

This April 2nd 1960.
Vivian Huff Halcomb.
Linefork, Kentucky
Executrix of estate — Letha Ann Halcomb Coots, deceased.

The applications being filed at this time are to show all sales of wool and unshorn lambs during the period between April 1, 1959, and March 31, 1960. For a sale to be considered completed during that period, title must have passed to the buyer, the wool must have been delivered, and the last of the factors needed to determine the net sales proceeds must be available.

Mr. Caudill urges growers to be particularly careful in reporting purchases of unshorn lambs on their application. Inaccuracy on this point is the most troublesome problem in administering the wool payment program, he said.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Knight visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Olin Knight over the Easter week end. Mrs. Knight is the former Eloise Reynolds. They are attending Morehead State Teachers College.

The Whitesburg Garden Club will meet at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Allyn Judd, Monday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. A covered dish supper will be served.

Leigh and Stuart Lewis had their tonsils and adenoids removed last Thursday at Mount Mary Hospital, Hazard. Both are home and doing well.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jenkins last Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Passmore, and children, Jack Granford and Carol Frances, Mrs. G. C. Passmore and her mother, Mrs. B. F. Farmer all of Norton, Va.

BLACKEY

Ohio residents visit Caudill family here

Mr. and Mrs. Alammader Caudill and their son, Seaman Apprentice Yon Caudill, of Midtown, Ohio, visited the Wes Caudills. Seaman Yon will report soon to Norfolk, Va., to board the giant aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt for a cruise of six months or more in the Mediterranean Sea.

Mrs. Cleo Hale and son Billy Cleo, student at Georgetown College, visited Mrs. Callie Back. Billy Cleo is taking pre-medical courses and hopes to enter the University of Louisville Medical School.

Mrs. Ide Smith of Caudill's Branch is in Whitesburg Memorial Hospital as the result of a stroke.

Mrs. Jo Ann Wilson Adams is moving to Fort Riley, Kan., to join Sergeant Adams.

Bryan Back is in Harlan Memorial Hospital.

Elder Wardie Craft, of Morgan County, formerly of Letcher, preached a series of revival sermons at Blair Branch Regular Baptist Church. Tommy Collier is moderator at Blair Branch.

There'll be a chance for some of you school kids to pick up some cash money near the end of school. The strawberries are in bloom on the James D. Fields farm on Carcassonne Road. The berries will be ripe about mid-May. James has three acres in strawberries — and that will make a lot of shortcake. You can pick them for him for the market at so much per basket, or for yourself and pay him a

small price for the berries. Teams of pickers from settlement schools stock freezers each season by picking for their schools.

JAMES raises the Tennessee Beauty variety of strawberries mostly, but is trying this year some plants of the new Pocahontas variety developed by the State experimental farms.

Mr. and Mrs. John Buckhold visited relatives in Dayton, Ohio.

Indictments . . .

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and returned here. Some \$360, allegedly part of the robbery loot, was seized from Sexton and impounded by County Judge Arthur Dixon.

Sexton was held in lieu of \$1,000 bond when he and Sammie Lee Mullins, of Jenkins, allegedly sawed bars and escaped from the ancient jail. Mullins wrecked an automobile in Jenkins two days later and was returned slightly injured to the jail.

Three men who were caught in the act of attempting to rob Quillen drug store were indicted on two counts. They are Waverly E. (Pete) Headley, Don Wheeler and Troy Ison, all of the Harlan area.

They were indicted for storehousebreaking, for which bonds were fixed at \$1,000 each, and attempting to open a safe, on which bonds are \$5,000 each.

The three were trapped in the drugstore's parking lot by by

April 13 — Admissions: Ruth, Smith, Dixie Eldridge, Minerva Hall, Marylin Kersey.

Discharges: Anna Sue Donels, Sarah Donnelly, Male Vane, Polly Whitaker.

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Discharges: Lavon Burke Con-

Whitesburg Fire Chief Remious Day and other officers when they attempted to flee the store.

Other indictments the charges and the bonds fixed are:

Eugene and Palace Fleming, malicious striking and wounding with intent to kill, \$1,000; Cam Branhama, child desertion, \$1,000; Ronnie Charles Lundy, failure to support an infant child, \$500; Reece Graham, child desertion, \$1,000; Amos Tyree, drunken driving, \$1,000; James Gibson, child desertion, \$1,000; Harold Miller, nonsupport of an infant child, \$500.

Lucy Niece, Bobby Niece, Laird Niece and Gaynell Niece, assault and battery, \$300 each; Henry Brock, removing or destroying cornerstone of boundary of land, \$1,000; Gay Banks, deserting a pregnant wife, \$1,000; Amos Tyree, breach of the peace, \$300.

Dee Elswick, child desertion, \$1,000; Gay Banks, assault and battery, \$500; Woodrow Banks, forgery, \$1,000.

Discharges: Hennie Baker,

Female Baker, Lettie Baker,

Otis Caudill, Dixie Eldridge,

Lorenzene Mercer, Imogene Sexton,

Male Sexton.

Discharges: Minerva Hall,

Russell Malone, Fannie Stamp-

er.

April 19 — Admissions: Mary Caudill, Elbert Bailey, Virgie Collins, Helen Slusher, Bryan Back.

Discharges: Hennie Baker,

Female Baker, Lettie Baker,

Otis Caudill, Dixie Eldridge,

Lorenzene Mercer, Imogene Sexton,

Male Sexton.

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